

## United States lottery

### UNITED STATES LOTTERY;

**THE SCHEME IS**, That this **LOTTERY** consist of **FOUR CLASSES**, of *One Hundred Thousand Tickets each*.

[table] **THIS** Lottery is set on Foot, by a *Resolution of Congress*, for the purpose of raising a Sum of Money, on Loan, bearing an Annual Interest of *Four per Cent*, which, with the Sum arising from the Deduction, is to be applied for carrying on the present most just and necessary War, in Defence of the Lives, Liberties and Property, of the Inhabitants of these United States.

THE fortunate Adventurers in the First Class, and so in the Second and Third, who draw more than *Thirty or Forty Dollars*, shall, at their Option, receive a Treasury Bank-Note, for the Prize or Prizes drawn, payable at the End of five Years, and an annual Interest at the Rate of *Four per Cent*. or the Pre-emption of such Tickets in the next succeeding Class, as shall not be renewed within the Time hereafter limited.

EVERY Adventurer in the First Class, shall have a Right to go through the subsequent Classes, but shall not be obliged to do it.

THE DRAWER of Twenty, Thirty, and Forty Dollars, in the First, Second, and Third Classes, who do not apply for their Money within Six Weeks after the Drawing is finished, shall be deemed Adventurers in the next succeeding Class, and have their Tickets renewed, without any further Trouble.

IF any other shall neglect or decline taking out and paying the Price of their Ticket for a subsequent Class, within six Weeks after the Drawing is ended, their Tickets shall be sold

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to the fortunate Adventurers in the preceeding Class, or to such as shall apply for the same.

THE fortunate Adventurers in the last Class, who draw Fifty Dollars, shall, upon Application to the Commissioners of the Loan-Offices, in the respective States, where the Drawers reside, receive their Money without any Deduction; and all who draw above Fifty Dollars, shall receive in like Manner, without Deduction, for the Sums drawn, Bank Treasury Notes, payable at the End of five Years after the Drawing, at the Loan-Office of the State in which the Drawers reside. The Interest to commence from the last Day of Drawing, and to be paid annually at the said respective Loan-Offices.

As this Lottery is established for the sole Purpose of raising a Sum of Money, for carrying on the present just War, undertaken in defence of the Rights and Liberties of *America*, in which every Individual, and their Posterity will be so deeply interested, it is not doubted, but every real Friend to his Country, will most cheerfully become an Adventurer, and that the Sale of the Tickets will be very rapid, especially as even the unsuccessful Adventurer will have the pleasing Reflection of having contributed in a degree to the Great and Glorious *American Cause*.

THE Managers appointed by **CONGRESS** are, *Sharp Delany, James Searle, John Ord, James Budden, George Campbell, Joseph Bullock, and John Mease*, who are upon Oath and give Bond for the faithful discharge of their Trust.

THE Public will be advertised as soon as the Tickets are ready for Sale.

THE Managers are instructed to sell the Tickets for ready Money only.

**"IN CONGRESS,** *November 27, 1776.*

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*“Resolved, **THAT** it be recommended to the Legislatures of the *United States* respectively, to pass such Laws as will most effectually tend to prevent the Counterfeiting or Forging the Tickets of the **PUBLIC LOTTERY.**”*

*“**IN CONGRESS**, May 2, 1778.*

*“ Resolved, **THAT** the Loan-Office Certificates which may issue for Prizes the Second Class of the Lottery of the United States, shall bear an Interest of *Six per Cent.* per Annum; and Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding.---And that the Drawing thereof Commence the first day of *January* next, and be compleated as soon as may be; and that all the Tickets then unsold, be the Property and at the Risk of the *United States.*”*

*Extract from the Minutes, **CHARLES THOMSON**, Secretary.*

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